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AFFIDAVIT

BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE

IN THE MATTER OF WAR CRIMES File: C/4

in the case of Oswald POHL

Affidavit of Captain Duncan ELLIS

I, Captain Duncan ELLIS, East Surrey Regiment (326901) hereby make oath and say as follows :-

1. On the 29th. day of May 1946 I attended at LUEBECK and conducted an interrogation of Karl REIF.

2. The said Karl REIF was warned that he was not compelled to make a statement and that any such statement made may be used in evidence at a trial.

3. The statement now produced to me was read over by Sergeant Theodore Johannes Wilhelmus vanden DUNGEN (102985) of the Dutch Interpreters Pool, attached to 46 Field Security Section, LUEBECK, acting as interpreter, to the said Karl REIF in German on completion of the said interrogation and he thereupon stated that it was true and voluntarily signed it in my presence.

4. The said statement was obtained by me from the said Karl REIF without the use or threat of use of force or violence or the promise of any kind of reward.

D. Ellis Capt.

SWORN by the said Captain Duncan ELLIS
BEFORE ME this 30th day of May 1946

LT. COL
COMMANDING
WAR CRIMES INTERROGATION UNIT

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL
NUREMBERG, GERMANY
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DEPOSITION

of

Karl REIF.

Deposition on oath of Karl REIF, male, German nationality, of LÜBECK-TRAVEMÜNDE, FEHLINGSTRASSE 71a, sworn before Captain Duncan ELLIS, East Surrey Regiment, Investigating Officer of War Crimes Investigation Unit HQ British Army of the Rhine, at LÜBECK on the twenty-nineth day of May 1946.

1. Ich war verhaftet in MÜNCHEN durch die GESTAPO im August 1936, da ich anti-Nazi Flugblätter und Zeitungen aus der SCHWEIZ nach MÜNCHEN gebracht habe. Nach meiner Verhaftung wurde ich ins Konzentrationslager DACHAU eingeliefert. Am 29 September 1939 wurde ich von DACHAU nach MAUTHAUSEN geschickt, wo ich interniert war bis zum 22 Juni 1942.

2. Ich kann mich an das genaue Datum nicht erinnern, aber eines Tages um 1 Uhr in der Nachmittag entweder May oder Juni 1942, kam Himmler mit einer Partie von 30 bis 35 höheren SS, Wehrmacht und NSDAP Prominenten, und dabei auch Ernst KALTENBRUNNER.

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Karl Reif

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.....Captain.
East Surrey Regiment.

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2. I cannot remember the exact date, but one day at one o'clock in the afternoon in May or June 1942 HIMMLER came with a party of thirty to thirty-five high-ranking officers of the SS, the Wehrmacht, and the Nazi Party, and with them was also Ernst KALTENBRUNNER.

3. When they arrived I was working in the "Wiener Graben" quarry where the party parked their cars. I immediately recognised KALTENBRUNNER from the photographs of him which I had seen in the newspapers, and KALTENBRUNNER was also recognised at once by many other Austrians who were working there in the quarry.

4. I was carrying stones from the quarry into the camp and saw the party inspecting everything in the camp under the guidance of Commandant ZIERREISS. They began with the hospital, then went to the scullery and the prisoners' cook-house and afterwards into the cells, in the cellar of which was situated the crematorium, the morgue, and the gas chambers connected with the crematorium by a special entrance. The party left the camp at about 18.30 hours.

(Signed) Karl REIF

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(Signed) D. ELLIS Captain
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Certified that this is a true translation from German into English of the Deposition of Karl REIF.

W.G. Bowen
SQMS
War Crimes Investigation Unit
(W.G. BOWEN)

30 May 46

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D Ellis
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COMMANDING
WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION UNIT.

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East Surrey Regiment

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W G Bowen

SGMS
War Crimes Investigation Unit
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